

MUNCIE HOMELESS STUDY

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Purpose of the Study

This study is being undertaken as part of the work by the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) at Ball State University. The purpose of the Center is to enhance the University/Community relationships, coordinate activities, and develop new partnerships. The study is part of the Homeless Initiative of the Center. The purpose of this initiative is to provide data about the Muncie homeless population for use by the Department of Community Development and other service providers to develop improved programs for long-term assistance to these persons. Specifically, this includes obtaining a reasonably accurate count of the homeless people and to compile non-intrusive demographic data about them.

Methods – Muncie Homeless Study

Definition of “Homeless Person” utilized

The McKinney Act, the first major piece of federal legislation to help the homeless, defines the homeless as:

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (or)
- An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is
 - A) A supervised or publicly operated shelter designed for temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
 - B) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
 - C) A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (Homeless In America, 5).

All homeless persons in Muncie will be counted. Only those 18-years of age and above will be asked to provide demographic data. Parents will be asked to provide data on their children.

Time of Homeless Survey

The survey was conducted on October 12, 2004.

Muncie Homeless Survey

Shelters

A survey (see Appendix A) was conducted at eight shelters in Muncie; the Muncie mission, the Wayside mission, the Christian Ministries mission, A Better Way/Passage Way, Project Stepping Stone, Open Door, BRIDGES, and the YWCA. Every mission has a maximum number of clients they can serve at one time. However, when the weather is severe they will allow more people to spend then night.

Visual Drive-bys

Additionally, COPC team members drove through all parks in town each night of the testing. They also visited other sites such as downtown, bus terminals, and overpasses to identify the number of homeless persons not staying in and actual shelter.

Survey administration

A survey (see Appendix A) was given to every homeless person on the survey date at each of the facilities mentioned above. Every client at each mission filled out only one survey. The residents were not required to complete the survey but everyone did. A member of the COPC team picked up the surveys the following week. Each survey was given a number and the results recorded in a spreadsheet.

Findings – Muncie Homeless Study

Facilities in Muncie

Muncie presently has eight facilities hosting homeless individuals. They are as follows:

Table 1
Homeless Shelters in Muncie, IN

Shelter	Beds	Women	Men	Children
A Better Place / Passageway	25	10	0	19
Project Stepping Stone	9	6	6	12
Wayside Mission	18	14	0	4
Open Door	27	10	10	17
BRIDGES	18	6	0	12
YWCA	57	43	3	22
Muncie Mission	56	0	56	0
Christian Ministries of Delaware County	20	10	6	12
Totals	230	99	81	98

Numbers for men, women, and children were estimated and would vary depending on the mix at any given time.

Number of Homeless in Muncie, Indiana

Based on estimation strategies utilized by HUD, the population should be in the range of 65 to 250 persons.

The survey was completed by 104 individuals. These individuals reported having 70 children with them. This brings the total homeless population for the survey day to 174. Based on previous test surveys it is estimated that the population increases approximately 20% in the winter. The winter estimate would be around 210 individuals.

Muncie is at the high end of HUD’s estimation range (250 persons). It is estimated the total number of homeless in Muncie is between 175 and 210 persons.

Demographics

Gender

Children dominate the homeless population representing 40% of the survey population. Women represent 37% of the population and men 23%.

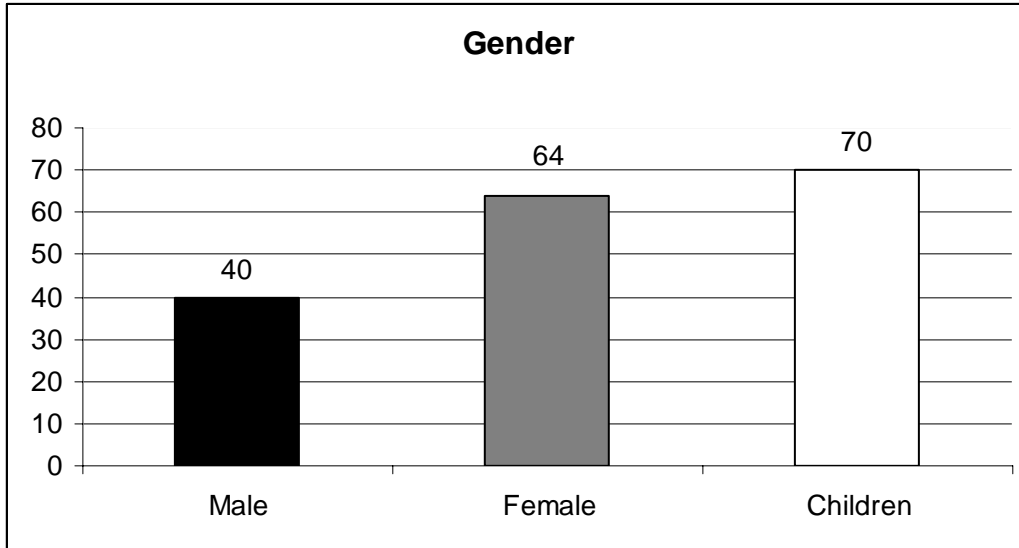


Figure 1
Adult Gender and Children Composition

Race

The racial diversity of the homeless population represents slightly more minorities than does the population of Muncie generally. According to the US Census Bureau, the Muncie population is 86% White, 11% Black, and 3% other.

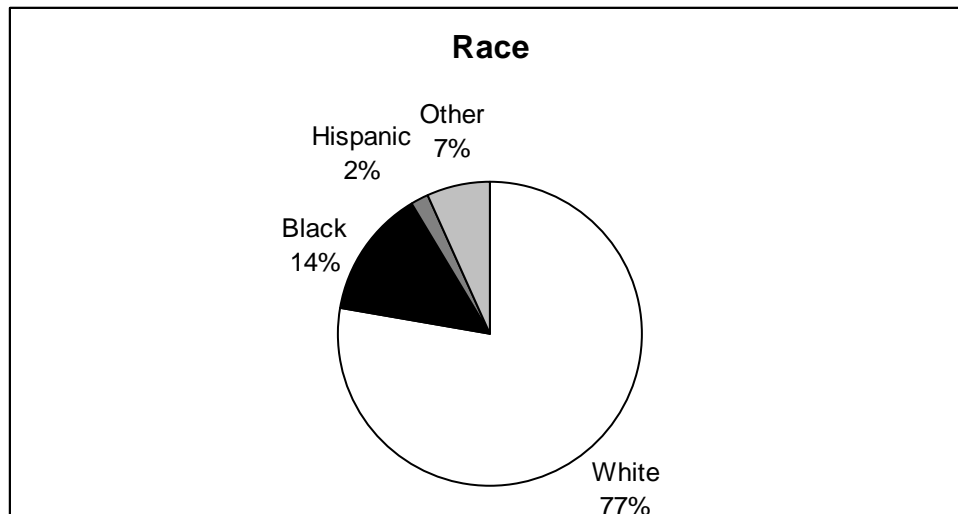


Figure 2
Racial composition of Muncie, IN Homeless Population

Age

The homeless population ranges from 18 to 86 years of age. It is fairly evenly distributed across all age groups from 18 to 65. The smallest group are the elderly (65+). This may be due to access to social security, Medicare, and pensions. These would provide a steady stream of income and form a safety net when medical crisis emerge.

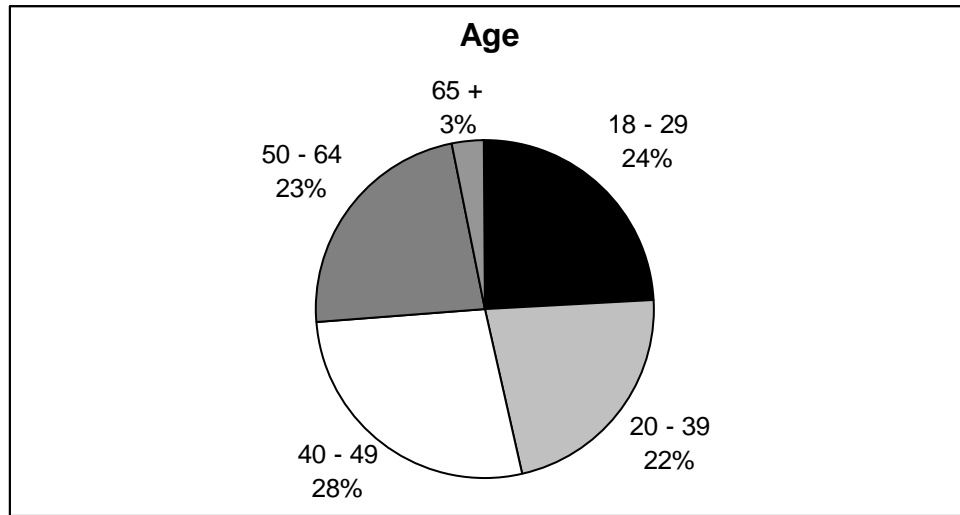


Figure 3
Age Ranges for Muncie, IN Homeless Population

Marital status

Only about 20% of the homeless are married. Of the remaining 80%, more than half are divorced or separated. Singles make up about a third of the homeless population.

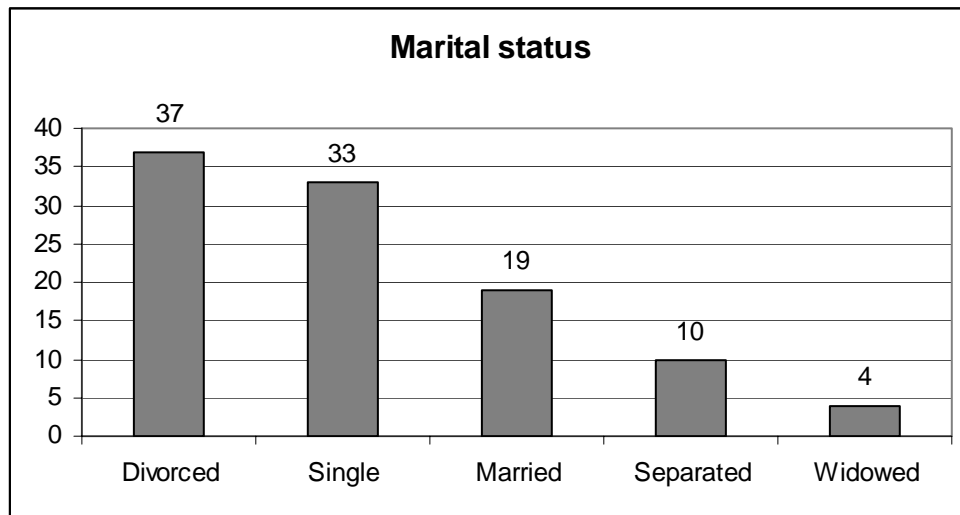


Figure 4
Marital status of Muncie, IN Homeless Population

Disabilities

Nearly half (49%) of the homeless report having some level of disability. This is a particularly large number and may provide some insight into why individuals in Muncie become homeless.

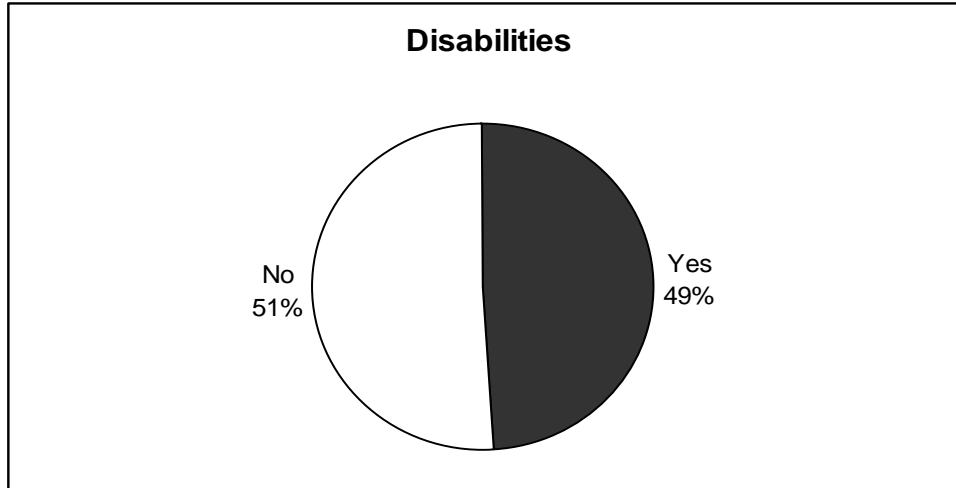


Figure 5
Disabilities among Muncie Homeless Population

Children

40% of the homeless population is children, a third of which are 5 years of age or younger. 60% of these children are enrolled in school. 16% suffer from some disability.

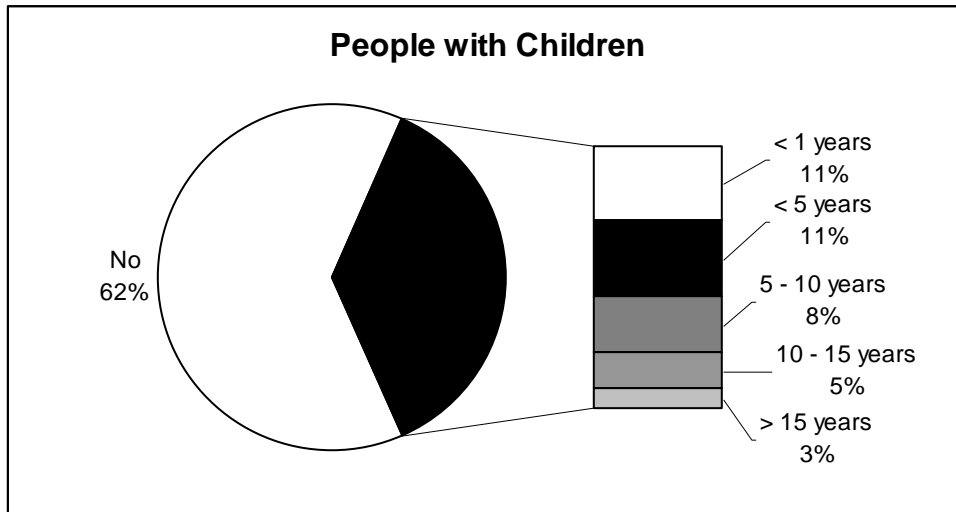


Figure 6
Children in Muncie, IN Homeless Population

Summary

- ❑ Total beds for the homeless in Muncie: 230
- ❑ Total number of homeless in Muncie: 175 - 210 persons.
- ❑ Children represent 40%, women 37%, and men 23% of the homeless population.
- ❑ Racial minorities make up a slightly higher portion of the homeless population than expected.
- ❑ Homelessness occurs equally at every age except amongst the elderly.
- ❑ 80% of the homeless are single, divorced, separated, or widowed.
- ❑ Nearly half of the homeless population suffers from a disability.

Relationship to Muncie

Slightly less than a third of the homeless population is actually from Muncie. 40% are originally from another Indiana city. 30% come to Muncie from various parts of the country.

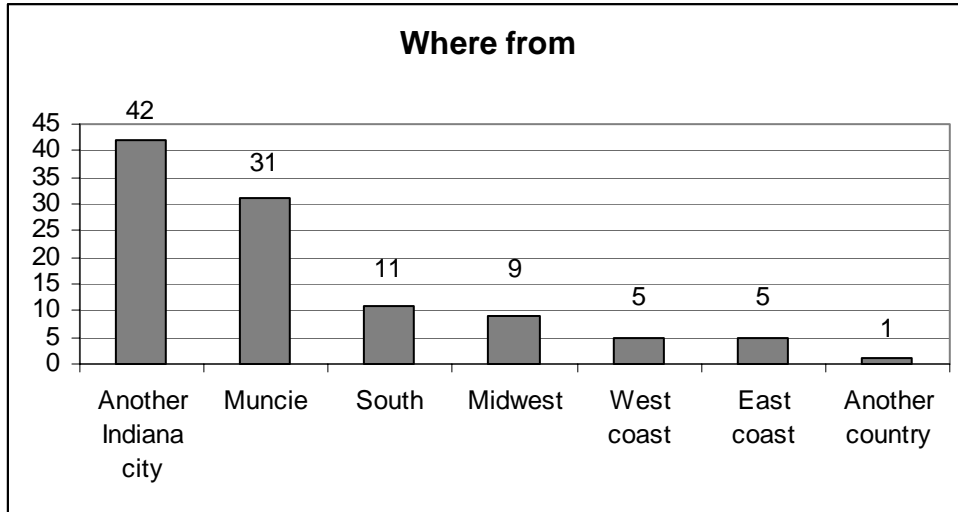


Figure 7
Place of Origin: Muncie, IN Homeless Population

The homeless population is not due to a migrant population. The majority of individuals who are homeless in Muncie have lived in Muncie for more than a year (76%). Only 7% of the homeless have been here less than a month.

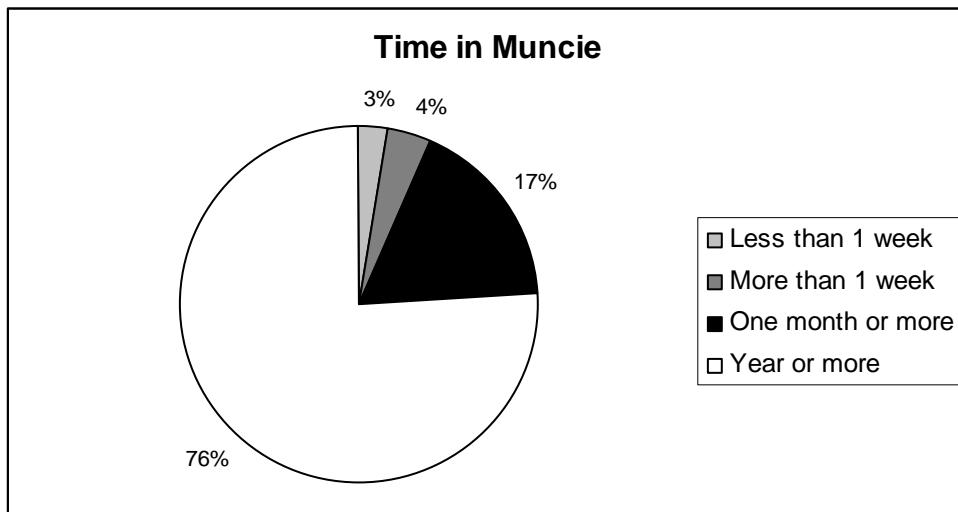


Figure 8
Length of time in Muncie, IN

When asked why they originally came to Muncie, 25% are here because they have family or friends in Muncie, 17% are here specifically to take advantage of shelter opportunities available in the community, 6% had a job opportunity or were stranded, and 15% state some other reason for coming to Muncie.

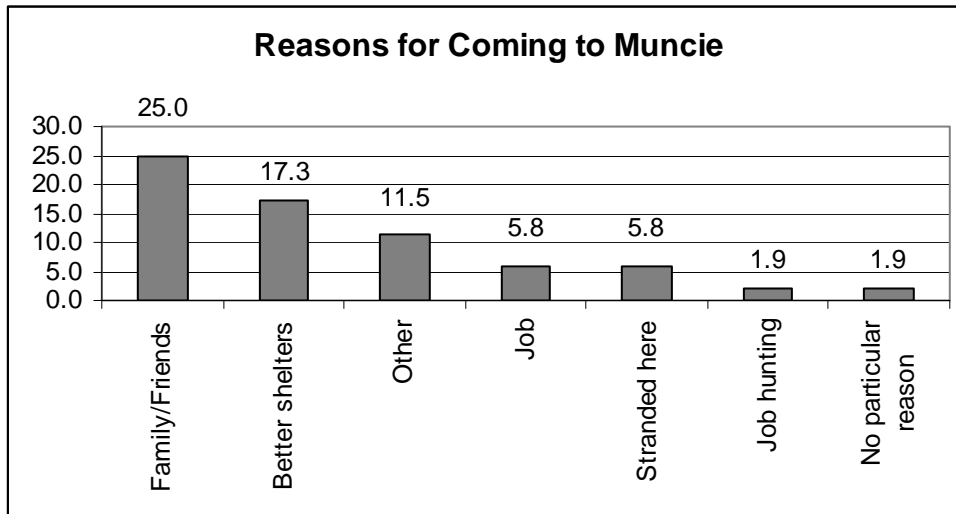


Figure 9
Reasons for coming to Muncie, IN

Closely related to this, only 10% of the homeless population intends to actually leave Muncie, while 46% intend to stay permanently, 6% for at least a short time. The remaining group (37%) are unsure, presumably making this decision based on the improvement of their circumstances here or elsewhere.

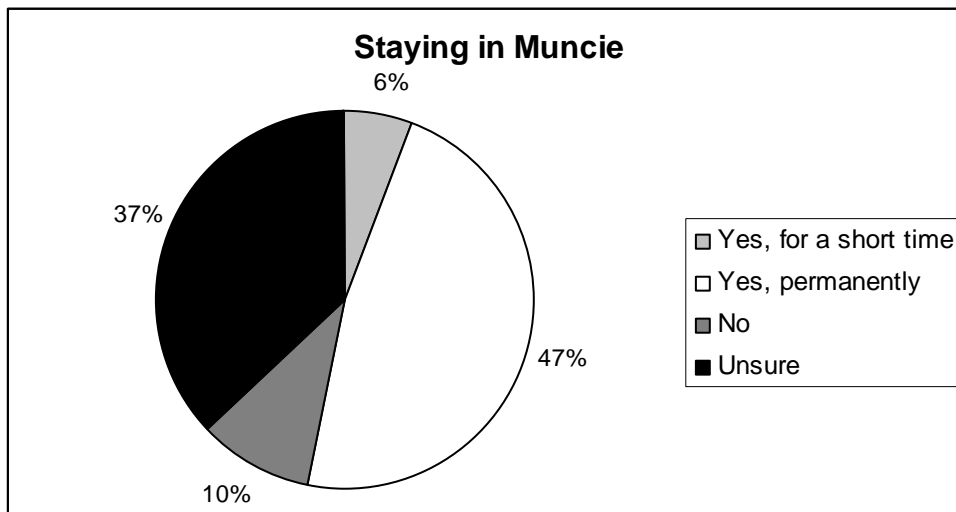


Figure 10
Planning to stay in Muncie, IN

History of Homelessness

This is the first time 56% of the survey respondents have been homeless. 39% have been homeless before. Those that have been homeless before (39%) have been homeless 2.9 times on average.

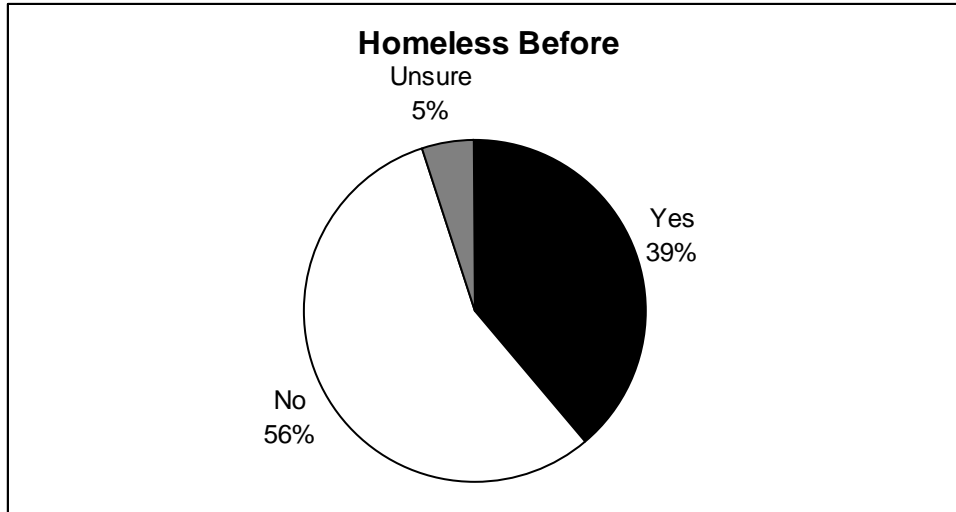


Figure 11
Have you been homeless before?

Table 2
Number of times homeless

# of Times Homeless	Individuals	Percent
1	2	1.9
2	7	6.7
3	4	3.8
4	4	3.8
5	1	1.0
6	1	1.0

Reason for Being Homeless

The reasons for being homeless are varied. The major ones include an inability to pay the rent or mortgage, unemployment, domestic violence, and various other reasons.

Table 3
Reasons for being homeless

Reason	Individuals	Percentage
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	37	35.6%
Unemployment	32	30.8%
Other	21	20.2%
Domestic violence	20	19.2%
Alcohol/Drug Abuse	11	10.6%
No family	10	9.6%
Job hunting	9	8.7%
Arrested	7	6.7%
Mental illness	7	6.7%
Low wages	7	6.7%
Physical illness	6	5.8%

Table 4 (continued)
Reasons for being homeless

Reason	Individuals	Percentage
Loss of roommates	4	3.8%
Fire	2	1.9%
Welfare ran out	1	1.0%

Summary

- ❑ 30% of the homeless from Muncie, 30% are from around the country, and 40% are from other parts of Indiana.
- ❑ 76% of the homeless have been in Muncie for more than 1 year.
- ❑ The reasons individuals come to town are primarily to be near friends and family (25%) and to take advantage of the shelters available here (17%).
- ❑ 47% intend to stay permanently and 10% intend to leave.
- ❑ 39% have been homeless before – these individuals average 2.9 times. For 56% this is the first time being homeless.
- ❑ Top 5 reasons for being homeless: (1) inability to pay rent or mortgage, (2) unemployment, (3) other, (4) domestic violence, and (5) alcohol and drug abuse.

Services

Respondents were asked (a) what services they have needed in Muncie/Delaware County, and (b) what services they were able to get in Muncie/Delaware County.

Table 5
Services “Needed” and “Able to get” In Muncie, IN

Services	Needed	Able to get
Food	59%	64%
Safe shelter	58%	72%
Medical care	55%	52%
Transportation	54%	39%
Clothing	54%	58%
Mental health services	31%	25%
Childcare	22%	14%
Job counseling	20%	19%
Alcohol/Detox services	18%	17%
Drug counseling	13%	14%
Other	5%	5%
Literacy	1%	8%

From the above chart, we can derive the areas where services did not meet needs:

- Slight need (<5% unmet)
 - Job counseling
 - Alcohol/Detox services
 - Medical care

- Large need (>5% unmet)
 - Transportation
 - Childcare
 - Mental health services

Employment and Income

Two-thirds of the homeless population is unemployed. An additional 12% have only part-time or seasonal work. Only 20% of the population has a full-time job.

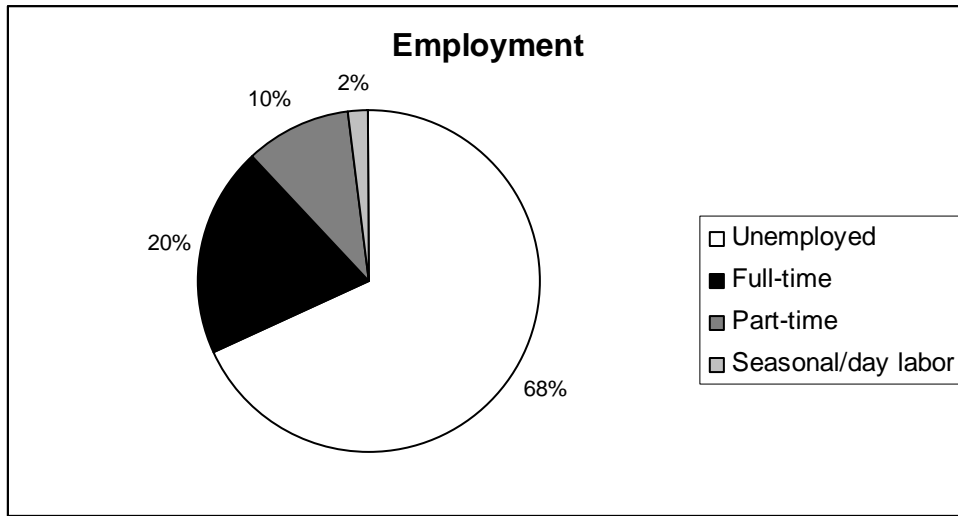


Figure 12
Employment status of homeless in Muncie, IN

45% of those who hold jobs have only worked in their present occupation for less than a year. 22% have worked in the same job in excess of 5 years.

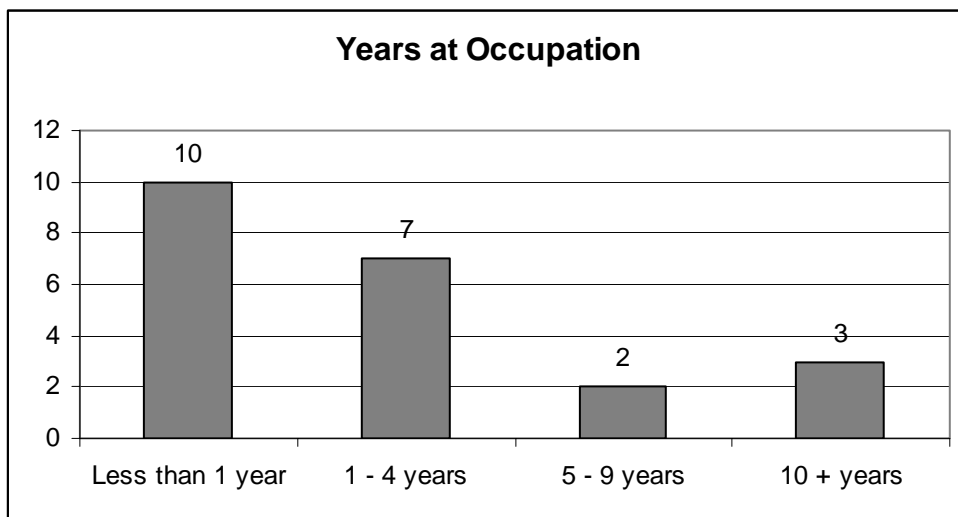


Figure 13
Years at present occupation

The average income of a homeless individual in Muncie during the month of September 2004 was \$383.80. The sources of that income are shown below. Slightly more than a third of the homeless receive food stamps. 18% receive some other form of federal welfare. 14% are receiving social security.

Table 6
Source of Income

Income Source	Individuals	%
Food stamps	37	35.6%
Job	28	26.9%
TANF/Welfare/AFDC	19	18.3%
Other	17	16.3%
SSI or SSDI	15	14.4%
Family/Friends	12	11.5%
Trustee township	12	11.5%
WIC	11	10.6%
Selling belongings	6	5.8%
Selling blood	5	4.8%
Savings	3	2.9%
Asking strangers	3	2.9%
Unemployment checks	2	1.9%
Workman's compensation	2	1.9%
Pension	2	1.9%
Veteran's benefits	1	1.0%
EITC	1	1.0%

Summary

- ❑ The top 5 needs of the homeless in Muncie are: (1) food, (2) shelter, (3) medical care, (4) transportation, and (5) clothing.
- ❑ Areas where individuals are unable to get there needs met are: Job counseling, Alcohol/Detox services, Medical care, Transportation, Childcare, and Mental health services
- ❑ Only 20% of the homeless have full time jobs, 68% are unemployed.
- ❑ The average income of a homeless individual in September 2004 was \$383.80.
- ❑ Top 5 sources of income include: (1) food stamps, (2) job, (3) welfare, (4) other, (5) social security.

Summary

This study has revealed several important findings that can assist those providing services to the Muncie homeless population. The following is a summary of these findings:

- *Number:* Total number of homeless in Muncie: 175 - 210 persons. Muncie presently has adequate facilities to provide for 230 individuals.
- *Demographics:* Children 40%, women 37%, and men 23% - white 77%, black 14%, Hispanic 2%, other 7% - Proportion equal at every age except amongst the elderly (lower) - 80% of the homeless are single, divorced, separated, or widowed – 49% disabled.
- *Muncie:* 30% from Muncie, 30% from around the country, and 40% are from other parts of Indiana - 76% have been in Muncie for more than 1 year – Why Muncie? Friends and family (25%) and shelters available here (17%) - 47% intend to stay permanently and 10% intend to leave.
- *Reasons:* Top 5 reasons for being homeless: (1) inability to pay rent or mortgage, (2) unemployment, (3) other, (4) domestic violence, and (5) alcohol and drug abuse. 39% homeless - 56% first time.
- *Top 5 needs:* (1) food, (2) shelter, (3) medical care, (4) transportation, and (5) clothing – Needs unmet: Job counseling, Alcohol/Detox services, Medical care, Transportation, Childcare, and Mental health services
- *Employment and Income:* 20% have full time jobs, 68% are unemployed -Average monthly income \$383.80 - Top 5 sources of income include: (1) food stamps, (2) job, (3) welfare, (4) other, (5) social security.

Appendix A: Counting the Homeless

This section briefly reviews the different techniques used by cities across the country to count their homeless population.

Estimating

There are many different methods used to acquire an estimation of the yearly homeless population in cities. The six largest cities in Texas used three different homeless rate indicators when trying to estimate their yearly homeless population (Momeni, 208).

The first indicator used was the most straightforward and most controversial. Issued by the Committee for Creative Non-violence (CCNV), which is a homeless advocacy group headquartered in Washington, D.C., it believes that 1 percent of the U.S. population is homeless at any given time. The empirical rationale behind this number is quite unclear.

The second indicator was generated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Development. This estimate is based on the analysis of published estimates of homelessness in U.S. cities. The analysis yielded a homelessness rate for urban areas of 25 homeless per every 10,000 people. HUD, however, reports this overestimates the figure.

HUD also did the third estimate. It is based on an estimation procedure disaggregating local area reports by city size (Momeni, 207). Using this technique, large (1 million or more population), medium (250,000 to 1 million), and small (50,000 to 250,000) urban areas demonstrate homelessness rates of 13, 12, and 6.5 person per every 10,000 population respectively (Momeni, 208).

In the Practical Methods for Counting Homeless People manual, written by HUD gives a crude method for estimating the number of homeless during one year.

1. Take an estimate of the number of people homeless at a given point in time;
2. Extract from this estimate the number of people who have been homeless for one month or less (that is, in response to a question in an interview, you learn that they entered homelessness during the past month);
3. Multiply by 11 (to get the number of people who become homeless during each remaining month of the year);
4. Add these projections of the numbers expected to enter homelessness during the next 11 months to the estimate of those homeless during month 1. (It states that this method has a tendency to overestimate. Suggests the following be done to stop the overestimation)
5. Ask each homeless person to tell you not only when they became homeless this time, but whether they have ever been homeless before and if so, how long ago their most recent homeless episode before this recent one ended;
6. Use this information to identify how many people have been homeless more than once during a years time;
7. Correct the overestimate using these data.

Homeless Shelters

Data can be collected from shelters who often keep minimal information about residents on record. Some shelters collect more data than others. Below is a minimal sample survey that would be given to the homeless, and administered by either shelter staff or student volunteers. This is the type of data suggested by the Practical Methods for Counting the Homeless (pg 30):

- Sex
- Major age groupings (adults, unaccompanied minors, accompanied children);
- Household composition
- Race/ethnicity
- Employment status
- Income sources
- Children's ages
- What type of accommodation the person/family lived in before coming to the shelter
- Reasons for leaving the last residence
- Location where homelessness first occurred

Soup Kitchens

Many homeless people do not use shelters. In an Urban Institute 1997 national study, 29 percent of the people interviewed had used soup kitchens, but had not used a shelter within a month before the interview. In addition, the same percentage used neither a shelter nor soup kitchen within a week before the interview. This suggests a large number of people who would be missed if we were counting during one point in time. While, it is possible to survive without shelter, it is not possible to survive without food. Unlike shelters, however, those that use food pantries and soup kitchens aren't necessarily homeless. To get a count of who or who is not homeless in these two facilitates there needs to be a survey administrated. The literature says the following questions should be either asked through an interview or a questionnaire that would alleviate this problem.

- Do you have a permanent place to live?
- Have you ever lacked a permanent place live before?
- What was the reason you had to leave your last permanent place?
- Where did you spend last night?

Buffalo, New York used a survey to try to get an accurate count of how many people used soup kitchens and pantries (Blasi 211). They created a survey that focused on finding different demographics that used this facilitates and used the above question to see if they indeed where homeless. It is recommended that a set of questions that elicit information sufficient to differentiate between the "literally" homeless in shelters and in locations not meant for human habitation, and those who may be "tripled or doubled up" in one housing unit.

Street Counting

This method involves identifying street locations where one might be able to find homeless people; picking a date and time for the count; and deploying people to administer the count. The 1990 Census went into known locations, into abandoned buildings, but didn't count those sleeping in automobiles or resting in coffee shops, Laundromats or the movies.

Another technique involves the counters canvassing the entire city. Boston uses this technique yearly (page. 56). People go out and count anyone they encounter that fit their definition of homeless.

Interviewing the homeless at street locations is another method. Interviewee's go to "hot" areas and have interview questions ready. Both of these techniques, however, are used as a supplement both shelter, food pantry and soup kitchen counts.

Longitudinal Studies

Connecticut and Maryland have developed a system that covers every shelter in the state. It is a simple technique. The shelters staff members get the name and any other identifying information for individuals who inquire at a shelter. The staff member checks to see if the persons name is within the computer data base. If it is not the staff member adds it along with the basic demographic data. If the name is currently in the system, no new record is entered. This is a good example on how to get unduplicated data. One disadvantage associated with this technique is the homeless person could be lying. Some shelters place limits on the number of nights per year a person can stay. By being dishonest he might be able to stay twice as long, and cause the system to count twice.

Appendix B: Questionnaire

Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Just check a box, and if you have a question, please ask the test administrator. Do not answer questions with which you are uncomfortable. Your answer will be kept *confidential* and *anonymous*.

Disclaimer: All information provided to us will be used solely for the purpose of this study. After all the data is collected and studied, this survey questionnaire will be destroyed; protecting you by preserving your anonymity.

On each question, check ALL boxes that apply.

1. How long have you been in Muncie/Delaware County?
 Less than 1 week More than 1 week One month or more Year or more

2. Where were you before coming to Muncie?
 I'm from Muncie Another Indiana City Midwest West coast
 South East coast Another country

3. Are you planning to stay in Muncie?
 Yes, for short time Yes, permanently No Unsure

4. Why did you originally come to Muncie?
 Had job lined up Family/Friends from Muncie Just Passing through Muncie
 Job-hunting Better Shelters/Facilitates No particular reason
 Stranded here I'm from Muncie Other: _____

5. Have you ever lacked a place of your own to live before this time?
 Yes No Unsure If YES, how many times has this happened? _____

6. Have you ever **needed** any of the following while in Muncie/Delaware County?
 Safe shelter Drug Counseling Job Counseling
 Food Alcohol/Detox Services Transportation
 Clothing Child Care Medical Care
 Literacy Mental Health Services Other: _____

7. Have you been **able to get** the following in Muncie/Delaware County?
 Safe shelter Drug Counseling Job Counseling
 Food Alcohol/Detox Services Transportation
 Clothing Child Care Medical Care
 Literacy Mental Health Services Other: _____

8. What are the reasons you had to leave your last permanent residence or place?
 Unemployment Alcohol/Drug Abuse Fire
 Unable to pay rent/mortgage No Family Arrested
 Eviction Welfare ran out Job Hunting
 Domestic Violence Loss of roommates A Mental Illness
 Low Wages Physical illness Other: _____

9. Have you stayed at any of the following places this year?

- My own House With Friends/Family Alcohol/Drug Detox Facility
 In a Shelter Hotel/Motel Hospital
 On the Streets Jail Others: _____

10. In the last 24 hours have you used any of Muncie's services?

- An overnight shelter A day-time shelter
 A Soup Kitchen An emergency Center/ Hospital
 A Food Pantry/Bank Others: _____

11. Are you presently employed?

- No Full-Time Part-Time Seasonal/Day Labor

If YES, how long have you had this job? _____

12. What are the sources of your income?

- Job Selling Your Blood Selling Belongings
 Unemployment Checks Veteran's Benefits Food Stamps
 Workman's Comp. SSI or SSDI Pension
 Savings Asking Strangers for Money Family/Friends
 TANF/Welfare/AFDC WIC Trustee Township
 EITC Others: _____

How much money did you receive last month, from all of these sources? _____

13. What is the highest education you have achieved:

- Less than high school Some high school High school
 Some college College degree Graduate degree

14. What is your age? _____

15. Sex: Male Female

16. What is your racial background?

- White Black Hispanic Indian Asian Other: _____

17. What is your marital status?

- Married Separated Divorced Widowed Single

18. Do you have any children with you?

- Yes No If "Yes", how many? _____

Check ages: < 1 years < 5 years 5 - 10 10 - 15 > 15

Do they have any disabilities?

- Yes No

Are they enrolled in school?

- Yes No

19. Do you have any disabilities?

- Yes No

Appendix C: Raw data

How long have you been in Muncie/Delaware County?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 1 week	3	2.9	2.9	2.9
	More than 1 week	4	3.8	3.9	6.8
	One month or more	18	17.3	17.5	24.3
	Year or more	78	75.0	75.7	100.0
	Total	103	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		104	100.0		

Where were you before coming to Muncie?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	I'm from Muncie	31	29.8	29.8	29.8
	Another Indiana city	42	40.4	40.4	70.2
	Midwest	9	8.7	8.7	78.8
	West coast	5	4.8	4.8	83.7
	South	11	10.6	10.6	94.2
	East coast	5	4.8	4.8	99.0
	Another country	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Are you planning to stay in Muncie?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, for a short time	6	5.8	5.9	5.9
	Yes, permanently	48	46.2	47.1	52.9
	No	10	9.6	9.8	62.7
	Unsure	38	36.5	37.3	100.0
	Total	102	98.1	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.9		
Total		104	100.0		

Why did you originally come to Muncie?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Had job lined up	6	5.8	6.0	6.0
	Family/Friends from Muncie	26	25.0	26.0	32.0

Job hunting	2	1.9	2.0	34.0
Better shelters/facilities	18	17.3	18.0	52.0
No particular reason	2	1.9	2.0	54.0
Stranded here	6	5.8	6.0	60.0
I'm from Muncie	28	26.9	28.0	88.0
Other	12	11.5	12.0	100.0
Total	100	96.2	100.0	
Missing System	4	3.8		
Total	104	100.0		

Have you ever lacked a place of your own to live before this time?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	39	37.5	39.0	39.0
No	56	53.8	56.0	95.0
Unsure	5	4.8	5.0	100.0
Total	100	96.2	100.0	
Missing System	4	3.8		
Total	104	100.0		

How many times homeless?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1	2	1.9	10.5	10.5
2	7	6.7	36.8	47.4
3	4	3.8	21.1	68.4
4	4	3.8	21.1	89.5
5	1	1.0	5.3	94.7
6	1	1.0	5.3	100.0
Total	19	18.3	100.0	
Missing System	85	81.7		
Total	104	100.0		

Needed safe shelter?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	44	42.3	42.3	42.3
Yes	60	57.7	57.7	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed drug counseling?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	90	86.5	86.5	86.5
	Yes	14	13.5	13.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed job counseling?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	83	79.8	79.8	79.8
	Yes	21	20.2	20.2	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed food?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	43	41.3	41.3	41.3
	Yes	61	58.7	58.7	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed alcohol/detox services?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	85	81.7	81.7	81.7
	Yes	19	18.3	18.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed transportation?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	48	46.2	46.2	46.2
	Yes	56	53.8	53.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed clothing?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	48	46.2	46.2	46.2
	Yes	56	53.8	53.8	100.0

Total	104	100.0	100.0
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Needed childcare?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	81	77.9	77.9	77.9
Yes	23	22.1	22.1	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed medical care?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	47	45.2	45.2	45.2
Yes	57	54.8	54.8	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed literacy training?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	103	99.0	99.0	99.0
Yes	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed mental health services?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	72	69.2	69.2	69.2
Yes	32	30.8	30.8	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Needed other?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	99	95.2	95.2	95.2
Yes	5	4.8	4.8	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get safe shelter?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	29	27.9	27.9	27.9
	Yes	75	72.1	72.1	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get drug counseling?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	89	85.6	85.6	85.6
	Yes	15	14.4	14.4	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get job counseling?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	84	80.8	80.8	80.8
	Yes	20	19.2	19.2	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get food?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	37	35.6	35.6	35.6
	Yes	67	64.4	64.4	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get alcohol/detox services?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	86	82.7	82.7	82.7
	Yes	18	17.3	17.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get transportation?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	63	60.6	60.6	60.6
	Yes	41	39.4	39.4	100.0

Total	104	100.0	100.0
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Able to get clothing?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	44	42.3	42.3	42.3
Yes	60	57.7	57.7	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get child care?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	89	85.6	85.6	85.6
Yes	15	14.4	14.4	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get medical care?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	50	48.1	48.1	48.1
Yes	54	51.9	51.9	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get literacy training?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	96	92.3	92.3	92.3
Yes	8	7.7	7.7	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get mental health services?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	78	75.0	75.0	75.0
Yes	26	25.0	25.0	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Able to get other?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	99	95.2	95.2	95.2
	Yes	5	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Reason for being homeless:

Unemployment

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	72	69.2	69.2	69.2
	Yes	32	30.8	30.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Alcohol/drug abuse

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	93	89.4	89.4	89.4
	Yes	11	10.6	10.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Fire

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	102	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Yes	2	1.9	1.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Unable to pay rent/mortgage

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	67	64.4	64.4	64.4
	Yes	37	35.6	35.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

No family

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	94	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Yes	10	9.6	9.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Arrested

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	97	93.3	93.3	93.3
	Yes	7	6.7	6.7	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Eviction

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	92	88.5	88.5	88.5
	Yes	12	11.5	11.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Welfare ran out

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	103	99.0	99.0	99.0
	Yes	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Job hunting

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	95	91.3	91.3	91.3
	Yes	9	8.7	8.7	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Domestic violence

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	84	80.8	80.8	80.8
	Yes	20	19.2	19.2	100.0

Total	104	100.0	100.0
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Loss of roommates

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	100	96.2	96.2	96.2
Yes	4	3.8	3.8	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Mental illness

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	97	93.3	93.3	93.3
Yes	7	6.7	6.7	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Low wages

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	97	93.3	93.3	93.3
Yes	7	6.7	6.7	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Physical illness

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	98	94.2	94.2	94.2
Yes	6	5.8	5.8	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Other

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	83	79.8	79.8	79.8
Yes	21	20.2	20.2	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Have you stayed at any of the following places this year?

My own house

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	64	61.5	61.5	61.5
	Yes	40	38.5	38.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

With family/friends

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	65	62.5	62.5	62.5
	Yes	39	37.5	37.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Alcohol/detox facility

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	101	97.1	97.1	97.1
	Yes	3	2.9	2.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

In a shelter

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	49	47.1	47.1	47.1
	Yes	55	52.9	52.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Hotel/motel

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	92	88.5	88.5	88.5
	Yes	12	11.5	11.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Hospital

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	93	89.4	89.4	89.4
	Yes	11	10.6	10.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

On the streets

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	91	87.5	87.5	87.5
	Yes	13	12.5	12.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Jail

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	101	97.1	97.1	97.1
	Yes	3	2.9	2.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Other

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	94	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Yes	10	9.6	9.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

In the last 24 hours have you used any of Muncie's services?

Overnight shelter

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	84	80.8	80.8	80.8
	Yes	20	19.2	19.2	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Day-time shelter

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	94	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Yes	10	9.6	9.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Soup kitchen

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	92	88.5	88.5	88.5
	Yes	12	11.5	11.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Emergency center/hospital

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	100	96.2	96.2	96.2
	Yes	4	3.8	3.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Food pantry/bank

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	94	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Yes	10	9.6	9.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Other

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	88	84.6	84.6	84.6
	Yes	16	15.4	15.4	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Are you presently employed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	68	65.4	68.0	68.0
	Full-time	20	19.2	20.0	88.0

	Part-time	10	9.6	10.0	98.0
	Seasonal/day labor	2	1.9	2.0	100.0
	Total	100	96.2	100.0	
Missing	System	4	3.8		
Total		104	100.0		

How long at this job?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	.02	1	1.0	4.5	4.5
	.04	1	1.0	4.5	9.1
	.13	1	1.0	4.5	13.6
	.16	1	1.0	4.5	18.2
	.25	2	1.9	9.1	27.3
	.50	3	2.9	13.6	40.9
	.66	1	1.0	4.5	45.5
	1.00	2	1.9	9.1	54.5
	1.50	1	1.0	4.5	59.1
	2.00	1	1.0	4.5	63.6
	3.00	1	1.0	4.5	68.2
	3.50	1	1.0	4.5	72.7
	4.00	1	1.0	4.5	77.3
	6.00	1	1.0	4.5	81.8
	8.00	1	1.0	4.5	86.4
	10.00	2	1.9	9.1	95.5
	11.00	1	1.0	4.5	100.0
	Total	22	21.2	100.0	
Missing	System	82	78.8		
Total		104	100.0		

What are the sources of your income?

Job

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	76	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Yes	28	26.9	26.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Selling your blood

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	99	95.2	95.2	95.2
	Yes	5	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Selling belongings

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	98	94.2	94.2	94.2
	Yes	6	5.8	5.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Unemployment checks

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	102	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Yes	2	1.9	1.9	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Veteran's benefits

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	103	99.0	99.0	99.0
	Yes	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Food stamps

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	67	64.4	64.4	64.4
	Yes	37	35.6	35.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Workman's compensation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	102	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Yes	2	1.9	1.9	100.0

Total	104	100.0	100.0
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SSI or SSDI

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	89	85.6	85.6	85.6
Yes	15	14.4	14.4	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Pension

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	102	98.1	98.1	98.1
Yes	2	1.9	1.9	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Savings

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	101	97.1	97.1	97.1
Yes	3	2.9	2.9	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Asking strangers for money

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	101	97.1	97.1	97.1
Yes	3	2.9	2.9	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Family/friends

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	92	88.5	88.5	88.5
Yes	12	11.5	11.5	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

TANF/Welfare/AFDC

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	85	81.7	81.7	81.7
	Yes	19	18.3	18.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

WIC

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	93	89.4	89.4	89.4
	Yes	11	10.6	10.6	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Trustee township

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	92	88.5	88.5	88.5
	Yes	12	11.5	11.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

EITC

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	103	99.0	99.0	99.0
	Yes	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Other

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	87	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Yes	17	16.3	16.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

How much money did you receive last month all of these sources?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	19	18.3	25.0	25.0
	18	1	1.0	1.3	26.3

20	2	1.9	2.6	28.9
40	2	1.9	2.6	31.6
60	1	1.0	1.3	32.9
99	1	1.0	1.3	34.2
100	2	1.9	2.6	36.8
117	1	1.0	1.3	38.2
139	1	1.0	1.3	39.5
198	2	1.9	2.6	42.1
200	1	1.0	1.3	43.4
222	1	1.0	1.3	44.7
229	1	1.0	1.3	46.1
247	1	1.0	1.3	47.4
255	1	1.0	1.3	48.7
288	5	4.8	6.6	55.3
326	1	1.0	1.3	56.6
354	1	1.0	1.3	57.9
370	1	1.0	1.3	59.2
400	1	1.0	1.3	60.5
417	1	1.0	1.3	61.8
482	1	1.0	1.3	63.2
500	1	1.0	1.3	64.5
564	1	1.0	1.3	65.8
576	1	1.0	1.3	67.1
584	1	1.0	1.3	68.4
600	4	3.8	5.3	73.7
609	1	1.0	1.3	75.0
675	1	1.0	1.3	76.3
679	1	1.0	1.3	77.6
700	1	1.0	1.3	78.9
721	1	1.0	1.3	80.3
780	1	1.0	1.3	81.6
797	1	1.0	1.3	82.9
800	3	2.9	3.9	86.8
866	1	1.0	1.3	88.2
876	1	1.0	1.3	89.5
880	1	1.0	1.3	90.8
900	1	1.0	1.3	92.1
934	1	1.0	1.3	93.4
1068	1	1.0	1.3	94.7
1093	1	1.0	1.3	96.1
1276	1	1.0	1.3	97.4
1400	1	1.0	1.3	98.7
1800	1	1.0	1.3	100.0
Total	76	73.1	100.0	
Missing System	28	26.9		
Total	104	100.0		

Highest education achieved?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than high school	13	12.5	12.6	12.6
	Some high school	15	14.4	14.6	27.2
	High school	32	30.8	31.1	58.3
	Some college	30	28.8	29.1	87.4
	College degree	10	9.6	9.7	97.1
	Graduate degree	3	2.9	2.9	100.0
	Total	103	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		104	100.0		

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18	1	1.0	1.0	1.0
	20	3	2.9	3.0	4.0
	22	2	1.9	2.0	6.1
	23	4	3.8	4.0	10.1
	24	2	1.9	2.0	12.1
	26	1	1.0	1.0	13.1
	27	4	3.8	4.0	17.2
	28	4	3.8	4.0	21.2
	29	3	2.9	3.0	24.2
	30	2	1.9	2.0	26.3
	31	3	2.9	3.0	29.3
	32	1	1.0	1.0	30.3
	33	3	2.9	3.0	33.3
	34	4	3.8	4.0	37.4
	35	4	3.8	4.0	41.4
	36	2	1.9	2.0	43.4
	37	2	1.9	2.0	45.5
	38	1	1.0	1.0	46.5
	40	1	1.0	1.0	47.5
	41	3	2.9	3.0	50.5
	42	1	1.0	1.0	51.5
	43	4	3.8	4.0	55.6
	44	3	2.9	3.0	58.6
	45	4	3.8	4.0	62.6
	46	2	1.9	2.0	64.6
	47	6	5.8	6.1	70.7
	48	1	1.0	1.0	71.7
	49	2	1.9	2.0	73.7

50	3	2.9	3.0	76.8
51	4	3.8	4.0	80.8
52	2	1.9	2.0	82.8
53	1	1.0	1.0	83.8
54	4	3.8	4.0	87.9
55	2	1.9	2.0	89.9
56	1	1.0	1.0	90.9
57	1	1.0	1.0	91.9
60	2	1.9	2.0	93.9
61	2	1.9	2.0	96.0
63	1	1.0	1.0	97.0
66	1	1.0	1.0	98.0
80	1	1.0	1.0	99.0
86	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	99	95.2	100.0	
Missing System	5	4.8		
Total	104	100.0		

Sex

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Male	40	38.5	38.5	38.5
Female	64	61.5	61.5	100.0
Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Racial background

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid White	80	76.9	77.7	77.7
Black	14	13.5	13.6	91.3
Hispanic	2	1.9	1.9	93.2
Other	7	6.7	6.8	100.0
Total	103	99.0	100.0	
Missing System	1	1.0		
Total	104	100.0		

Marital status

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Married	19	18.3	18.4	18.4
Separated	10	9.6	9.7	28.2
Divorced	37	35.6	35.9	64.1
Widowed	4	3.8	3.9	68.0

	Single	33	31.7	32.0	100.0
	Total	103	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		104	100.0		

Do you have any children with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	37	35.6	35.9	35.9
	No	66	63.5	64.1	100.0
	Total	103	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		104	100.0		

< 1 years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	87	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Yes	17	16.3	16.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

< 5 years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	87	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Yes	17	16.3	16.3	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	91	87.5	87.5	87.5
	Yes	13	12.5	12.5	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

10 - 15 years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	96	92.3	92.3	92.3
	Yes	8	7.7	7.7	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

> 15 years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	100	96.2	96.2	96.2
	Yes	4	3.8	3.8	100.0
	Total	104	100.0	100.0	

Do they have disabilities?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	11	10.6	28.9	28.9
	No	27	26.0	71.1	100.0
	Total	38	36.5	100.0	
Missing	System	66	63.5		
Total		104	100.0		

Are they enrolled in school?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	23	22.1	60.5	60.5
	No	15	14.4	39.5	100.0
	Total	38	36.5	100.0	
Missing	System	66	63.5		
Total		104	100.0		

How many?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	16	15.4	45.7	45.7
	2	9	8.7	25.7	71.4
	3	5	4.8	14.3	85.7
	4	4	3.8	11.4	97.1
	5	1	1.0	2.9	100.0
	Total	35	33.7	100.0	
Missing	System	69	66.3		
Total		104	100.0		

Do you have disabilities?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	48	46.2	49.0	49.0
	No	50	48.1	51.0	100.0
	Total	98	94.2	100.0	
Missing	System	6	5.8		
Total		104	100.0		